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To Whom It May Concern.

Every year the United States Egg Industry participates in the practice of force molting millions of hens to increase egg production. This practice is stressful to the hens and leads to the degradation of their immune systems. This makes them more susceptible to salmonella infection, which in turn affects the health of people that consume their eggs. So altogether this practice is cruelty to the hens and harmful to the public.

The FDA has jurisdiction to ban farm practices that injure human health. I believe the FDA should ban the practice of forced molting because it has been scientifically been shown to promote disease by destroying the hens' immune system.

Sincerely,

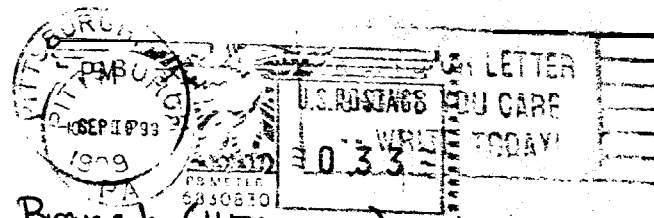
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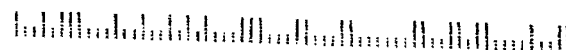
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